

Class Notes



The Biggs Family in Florence, Italy



Along the Atlantic Coast of Portugal



Exploring Roman ruins in Bulgaria

1997

Paul Biggs moved to Berlin, Germany in 2017 and has taken advantage of European parental leave laws since their second son, Hugo, was born to road trip around Europe. “I run the Product Marketing team at a 200-employee startup called Contentful that is based here in Berlin, and it’s been a wild ride. I don’t speak German, but I’m taking classes, and it hasn’t been a problem. Because the European Union lets people move around freely, my team of 20 has only 5 Germans, with a handful of other Americans, Irish, Brits, Lithuanians, Serbians, Romanians, etc. so English is the common language. Alas, no French to practice what’s left of Maron and Madame’s teachings!”



1994

Randy Larsen married Tiffany Love on October 7, 2018 and they are having fun blending their six children together in Ellensburg, WA. After 15 years living overseas, he continues working with Engineering Ministries International, a faith-based development organization providing technical help for projects such as schools, orphanages, and hospitals in third-world countries.



1998

The SGS Class of 1998 returned with their families to campus on July 14, 2018 for a fun day of reunion activities.

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ONE GREAT LEARNING EXPERIENCE
INTERNATIONAL MECHANICAL ENGINEERING CONGRESS & EXPOSITION

Tuesday, November 13
2018

Olivia Bridston and two other Gonzaga University students designed and tested a system for measuring exposure to vibration when mineworkers are using jackleg drills. Their peer-reviewed research was awarded 1st Place Undergraduate Paper in the Student Safety Innovation Challenge sponsored by the American Society of Mechanical Engineers' Safety Engineering, Risk and Reliability Analysis Division (ASME SERAD). Olivia presented the paper at the International Mechanical Engineering Congress and Exposition in Pittsburgh in November 2018. “This was a wonderful opportunity to gain presentation experience and meet professional engineers from around the world,” she said.

*All sessions above take place at the David L. Lawrence Convention Center.

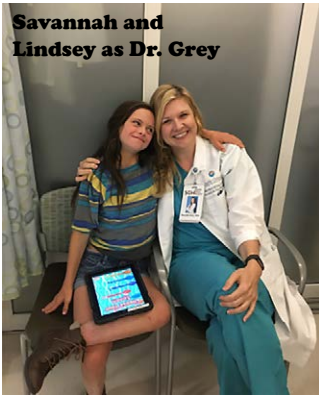
2018

Olivia at the IMECE Congress and Exposition in Pittsburgh



2002

Kudos to **Lindsey Thomsen**, a pediatric nurse practitioner at Seattle Children's Hospital, for turning into Dr. Meredith Grey of *Grey's Anatomy* fame for a day to help Savannah Miller, a girl with Down Syndrome, get through an unpleasant procedure. Thomsen becoming Savannah's favorite fictional doctor was exactly what the doctor ordered. The procedure went well and hours later the only thing Savannah could talk about was how cool it was to meet Dr. Grey.



Savannah and Lindsey as Dr. Grey

1962

The SGS Class of 1962 (below) reunited in September 2017 for their 55th reunion at the Flying Arrow Resort at Wallowa Lake, Oregon. Enjoying their complementary shirts and wine were (from left) **Grant Witherspoon '62**, **Mick Heckathore** (attended SGS from 57-62 but left just before graduating when his parents moved to Arizona), **Chris Canwell '61** (brother of Kevin '62), **John Moulton '62**, **Ros Hill '62**, and **Jim Dean '62**.



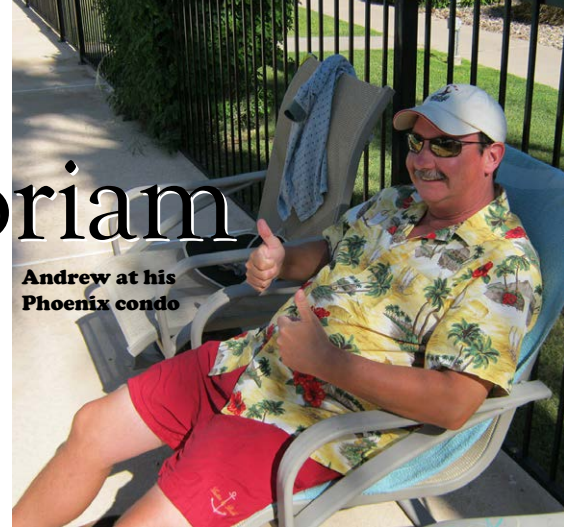
In Memoriam

1971

Dorothy Bracken brought grace and dignity to her encounters with her colleagues, friends, and family - and to her encounter in 2017 with ovarian cancer. She passed away on August 21, 2018. She had recently retired as the Manager of Customer Communications at Puget Sound Energy, where she had worked for 30 years. She earned her BS in Communications from Boston University in 1975. Read more about Dorothy's life and family at www.sgs.org/magazine.

1972

Janine (Calkins) Carlson died in Coeur d'Alene, ID on October 12, 2018 with her husband and two daughters by her side. She was born in Spokane, WA on May 22, 1954. Janine graduated from SGS in 1972 and went on to attend college at University of Washington before transferring to WSU to study pharmacy, where sitting in alphabetical order, she met the love of her life, Brent Carlson. Janine and Brent were married on July 7, 1979 and not long after had two daughters, Nicole and Keisha. Janine will be remembered for her endless creativity, love of color, uproarious laughter, rosy cheeks, compassion for others, and admiration of nature. She loved being in the woods at the family cabin on Priest Lake and later near her home in Hope, ID. See more of Janine's obituary at www.sgs.org/magazine.



Andrew at his Phoenix condo

1979

Andrew Welch attended Lindfield College in McMinnville, OR, where he earned a bachelor's degree in communications. After college Andrew went to work for Seattle TV stations KIRO, KCPQ, and FOX for 22 years, rising to the position of floor director for KIRO TV's news programs. In 2003, floor directors were replaced by automated processes. Andrew took advantage of a Washington State retraining program to study Golf Course Management and Design. Andrew left Seattle for sunny Phoenix, saying, "I may as well be where they play golf all year long." After working briefly at a golf club, he decided he'd much rather play the game than just work at the course. So that's what he did almost every day after his arrival in Phoenix until his untimely passing in January of 2018. Read more about Andrew's time at SGS at www.sgs.org/magazine.

1986

Kevin Forsman died on July 26, 2018 after a very courageous, hard fought battle with cancer. Born February 15, 1969 in Seattle, Kevin grew up in Spokane and attended Saint George's School, graduating in 1986, and then attended The University of Puget Sound in Tacoma. He was employed by CHI Franciscan Health for over 25 years. Kevin and Tori Aiken first met when they were classmates at SGS Middle School, and later fell in love in 1994 when they discovered they were working at the same company. They married November 9, 1996 in Spokane and relocated to Buckley, Washington soon after where they made their permanent home. Read Kevin's complete obituary at www.sgs.org/magazine.